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SUBJECT: US-USSR CHEMICAL WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS, ROUND SIX:
INSTRUCTIONS

REF: STATE 153939

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR ROUND SIX
OF THE US-USSR CHEMICAL WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS.

1. US OBJECTIVES CONTINUE TO BE (REFTEL):

(A) TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING US COMMITMENT TO THE GOAL
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OF EFFECTIVE CHEMICAL WEAPONS LIMITATIONS AND US WILLING-
NESS TO WORK ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD SOLUTION
OF REMAINING PROBLEMS; AND

(B) TO SEEK SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF OUR VIEWS ON THE KEY
SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF A CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND
THE NEGOTIATING APPROACH WHICH WILL BEST ACCOMPLISH OUR

OBJECTIVE OF GAINING BROAD SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONVENTION.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN THIS TELEGRAM, GUIDANCE FOR ROUND SIX IS CONTAINED IN THE CLEARED POSITION PAPER FOR ROUND FOUR AND IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

PAPERS FOR ROUND FIVE AND ROUND SIX. (THE ROUND SIX SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE PAPER IS BEING PROVIDED SEPARATELY.) IN ADDITION, THE DELEGATION MAY DRAW UPON OTHER INTER-AGENCY-APPROVED DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE CITED REFTEL.

3. DURING ROUND SIX THE DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR EXPLANATIONS OF THOSE ASPECTS OF THE SOVIET POSITION WHICH REMAIN UNCLEAR. THE DELEGATION MAY SUGGEST THAT THE TWO SIDES BEGIN TO WORK OUT AD REFERENDUM WORDING FOR KEY ELEMENTS IN AREAS WHERE THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES ARE REASONABLY CLOSE. AT ITS DISCRETION THE DELEGATION MAY PRESENT AN INFORMAL PAPER ILLUSTRATING THE FORM SUCH KEY ELEMENTS MIGHT TAKE.

4. WE EXPECT THAT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE STATE-OF-PLAY, PERHAPS INVOLVING POLICY DECISIONS, WILL BE NECESSARY UPON TERMINATION OF ROUND SIX. FOR THAT REASON, WE WILL NEED A LONGER PERIOD THAN USUAL BETWEEN ROUNDS. WE WILL WANT TO CONSIDER TIMING OF RECONVENING DURING COURSE OF THE COMING ROUND. WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE IN A CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITION TO BEGIN ROUND SEVEN BEFORE DECEMBER 1 IF THEN.

5. APPROPRIATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS SHOULD BE RELEASED AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE ROUND.

6. THE DELEGATION SHOULD OFFER TO BRIEF THE CCD ALLIES FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE ROUND. BRIEFINGS FOR THE UK AND FRG AN BONN OR LONDON, AND FOR THE FRENCH IN PARIS SHOULD ALSO BE OFFERED AFTER THE ROUND. VANCE

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